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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: GUS GIORDANO
DANCE CO.

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1. GUS GIORDANO DANCE CO. ARRIVING MOSCOW AUGUST 12 AERO-
FLOT 312. TOUR ARRANGED BY AMERICAN SOVIET YOUTH FORUM.
SOVIET SPONSOR NOT KNOWN BY CHOREOGRAPHER DIRECTOR GIORDANO.

2. COMPANY IN EXISTENCE SINCE 1968. CONSISTS OF SEVEN
DANCERS INCLUDING GIORDANO (FOUR FEMALES, THREE MALES).
SPECIALIZES IN AMERICAN JAZZ DANCE FROM EARLY 20'S UP TO
PRESENT.

3. COMPANY PERFORMS TO TAPED MUSIC, BUT FOR THIS TOUR WILL
ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY FOUR INSTRUMENTALISTS.

4. WE INFORMED BY GIORDANO THAT COMPANY WILL GIVE TWO
PERFORMANCES MOSCOW, POSSIBLY ONE IN LENINGRAD AND FIVE IN
BAKU. HAS NO KNOWLEDGE ON PERFORMANCE SITES.

5. PROGRAMS TO BE PRESENTED INCLUDE HOLY HOPPIN' HALLELU-
JAH, WHICH IS JAZZ DANCE DONE TO MUSIC FROM RECENT

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PRODUCTION PURLIE; EASY WINNERS ILLUSTRATING RAGTIME AT

TURN OF CENTURY, NEW YORK EXPORT-OPUS JAZZ DONE TO ROBERT

PRINCE'S SCORE ON JAZZ IN 50'S, AND POSSIBLY SCORPIO AND
SOLAR WIND. LATTER TWO WORKS REFLECT AMERICAN STYLE JAZZ
MOVEMENT WITH SCORPIO PERFORMED TO ROCK MUSIC OF '70'S.

6. NAMES OF DANCERS; FEMALES- PATTI OBEY, MARGARET LONG,
DEBBY PETERSON, JOSIE BERNS, MALES- CLARENCE TEETERS, JEFF
MILDENSTERN AND GUS GIORDANO. NAMES OF INSTRUMENTALISTS
NOT KNOWN BY GIORDANO. KISSINGER

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